

CAPSULE SUMMARY
8715 Idlewilde Farm Place (CH-573)
Charles County, Maryland

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1. Name of Property

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historic name _____

common/other name _____

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2. Location

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street & number 8715 Idlewilde Farm Place not for publication _____
city or town La Plata vicinity _____ state Maryland code MD
county Charles County code 17 zip code 20646

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3. State/Federal Agency Certification

N/A

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4. National Park Service Certification

N/A

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5. Classification

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Ownership of Property (Check all that apply)

- ☒ private
☐ public-local
☐ public-State
☐ public-Federal

Category of Property (Check only one box)

- ☒ building(s)
☐ district
☐ site
☐ structure
☐ object

Number of Resources within Property

Contributing Noncontributing

<u>6</u>	<u>0</u>	buildings
<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	sites
<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	structures
<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	objects
<u>6</u>	<u>0</u>	Total

Is this property listed in the National Register?

Yes _____ Name of Listing _____

No ☒

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6. Function or Use

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Historic Functions (Enter categories from instructions)

Cat: DOMESTIC Sub: Single Dwelling

Current Functions (Enter categories from instructions)

Cat: DOMESTIC Sub: Single Dwelling

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7. Description

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Architectural Classification (Enter categories from instructions)

Queen Anne (Vernacular)

Materials (Enter categories from instructions)

Foundation Pier: Brick Stretcher Bond
Roof Cross Gable: Pressed Shingle
Walls Frame: Wood German Siding
other _____

Narrative Description (Describe the historic and current condition of the property.)

See Continuation Sheet No. 7-1

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8. Statement of Significance

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Applicable National Register Criteria (Mark "x" in one or more boxes for the criteria qualifying the property for National Register listing)

- ☐ A Property is associated with events that have made a significant contribution to the broad patterns of our history.
- ☐ B Property is associated with the lives of persons significant in our past.
- ☒ C Property embodies the distinctive characteristics of a type, period, or method of construction or represents the work of a master, or possesses high artistic values, or represents a significant and distinguishable entity whose components lack individual distinction.
- ☐ D Property has yielded, or is likely to yield information important in prehistory or history.

Criteria Considerations (Mark "X" in all the boxes that apply.)

- ☐ A owned by a religious institution or used for religious purposes.
- ☐ B removed from its original location.
- ☐ C a birthplace or a grave.
- ☐ D a cemetery.
- ☐ E a reconstructed building, object, or structure.
- ☐ F a commemorative property.
- ☐ G less than 50 years of age or achieved significance within the past 50 years.

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Areas of Significance (Enter categories from instructions)

Architecture

Period of Significance 1880-1949

Significant Dates c. 1880

Significant Person (Complete if Criterion B is marked above)

Cultural Affiliation Undefined

Architect/Builder Unknown

Narrative Statement of Significance (Explain the significance of the property.)

See Continuation Sheet No. 8-1

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9. Major Bibliographical References

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(Cite the books, articles, legal records, and other sources used in preparing this form.)

Carley, Rachel. *The Visual Dictionary of American Domestic Architecture*. New York, NY: Henry Holt and Company, 1994.

Charles County Land and Will Records. Charles County Courthouse and the Maryland State Archives, Annapolis, Maryland.

McAlester, Virginia and Lee. *A Field Guide to American Houses*. New York, NY: Alfred A. Knopf, 1985.

Rivoire, J. Richard. *Homeplaces: Traditional Domestic Architecture of Charles County, Maryland*. Crownsville, MD: Maryland Historical Trust, 1990.

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10. Geographical Data

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Acreage of Property 27.078 acres

Verbal Boundary Description (Describe the boundaries of the property.)

The property at 8715 Idlewilde Farm Place is designated as Parcel 141, Grid 17 as indicated on Map 32.

Boundary Justification (Explain why the boundaries were selected.)

The building at 8715 Idlewilde Farm Place has historically been associated with Parcel 141 since its construction circa 1880.

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11. Form Prepared By

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12. Property Owner

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name Leland R. and Joan V. Jones
street & number 8715 Idlewilde Farm Place telephone _____
city or town La Plata state MD zip code 20646

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The house is situated on a sloping, grassy lot at the end of Idlewilde Farm Place. Mature trees and shrubs adorn the property, which is improved by the main house and its five supporting outbuildings. The two-and-a-half-story house was constructed circa 1880. Three bays wide, it is one of the few houses on the Maryland 301 Survey Corridor that is set on a brick pier foundation. Clad in wood German siding, the house features a one-story wrap-around porch. Two central interior brick chimneys with corbeled caps rise from the pressed metal shingle, center gable roof. The house is a vernacular derivative of the Queen Anne style due to its use of three-sided bays and the wrap-around porch.

EXTERIOR DESCRIPTION:

The façade or southwest elevation of the house is three bays in width. The pier foundation has been infilled with brick. Dominating the façade is a projecting center gable bay with a molded wood cornice and a semi-circular window. Set in this projecting bay is the centered, single leaf entry, which is framed by a molded wood lintel, a three-light transom, and panel-and-light sidelights. There are five 2/2 windows with molded wood lintels. Extending six bays across the façade, the wrap-around porch has a half-hipped roof with a center gable peak and wood Tuscan columns.

A two-story, three-sided bay with both 1/1 and 2/2 windows defines the southeast elevation. There is a 2/2 window at both the second story and the upper half story. A one-story shed roof addition sits on this side of the house. It features a 2/2 window and a pressed shingle roof. An asphalt shingle, shed roof hood covers the single leaf, wood panel-and- light door.

A two-story, three-sided bay with both 1/1 and 2/2 windows also graces the rear or northeast elevation. The 2/2 and 6/6 windows all feature molded wood lintels. The basement is accessed through a wood bulkhead with wood German siding and vertical board wood doors. The center gable of the roof is steeply pitched and contains a semi-circular window. A 2/2 window pierces the one-story side addition.

The wrap-around porch extends four bays along the full width of the northwest elevation. The porch foundation was infilled with brick and a small, vertical board door provides access to the crawl space. Double leaf, multi-light wood doors lead from the porch to

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the house and molded wood lintels top the 2/2 windows at the first, second, and half-stories.

SUPPORTING BUILDINGS:

There are five historic outbuildings to the northeast of the house, all dating from the first quarter of the twentieth century. The one-and-a-half story wood frame barn is two bays in width and is set on a rock-faced concrete block pier foundation. It features vertical board wood cladding, double leaf vertical board doors, a single leaf, wood flush door, and a standing seam metal side gable roof with a four-sided vented cupola.

The one-story, one-bay garage is set on a concrete foundation and is clad in pressed metal sheeting that imitates rock-faced concrete block. The garage is covered with a corrugated metal, front gable roof. The one-story, one-bay frame smokehouse is clad in wood weatherboard and contains a single leaf, vertical board door. It is covered with a pressed shingle front gable roof. The poultry shed is one story in height and four bays in width. It is clad in vertical board wood siding and has a standing seam, metal shed roof. The one-story, one-bay dairy features wood German siding, a vertical board, single leaf door, and a front gable asphalt shingle roof.

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Between 1880 and 1890, the Queen Anne style became the most popular architectural idiom in the United States. This style relied on a contrast of construction materials, varied ornament, and irregular roof shapes. Typical Queen Anne forms that this house displays include the wrap-around porch and the two-story, three-sided projecting bays on the southeast and northeast elevations. Colonial Revival influences include the use of Tuscan columns on the porch, the fanlight oculus in the front gable, and the transom with sidelights at the entry.

Following the Civil War, railroads made the greatest impact upon community development, particularly the completion of the Baltimore and Potomac Railroad's (B & P) main line from Bowie in Prince George's County to Pope's Creek in Charles County in 1872. Small towns in southern Maryland grew when they became regular stops on the B & P line, and developed as service centers for the surrounding rural areas. Some stations, however, like La Plata, developed into new communities. The town's first dwelling and store were erected in 1872 by local land owner Robert Chapman. La Plata averaged 150 hogshead of tobacco shipped per day during the railroad's first year. Groceries, fertilizer, hardware and agricultural implements were imported and focused trade at the new town. A cannery opened in 1883 and a grist mill began operations in 1888. The town was incorporated the same year. In 1887, La Plata contained 120 residents, two churches, five stores, a blacksmith's shop, a millinery shop, a dressmaker's shop, a shoe shop, and one hotel, in addition to the grist mill. After the county courthouse in Port Tobacco burned in 1892, La Plata was made the seat of Charles County's government in 1895.

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National Register Evaluation:

The house at 8715 Idlewilde Farm Place is eligible under Criterion C. It is not eligible under National Register Criteria A, B, or D. Preliminary research has not revealed any association between the building and events that have made a significant contribution to the broad patterns of our history (Criterion A) or the lives of persons significant in our past (Criterion B). The building provides a vernacular example of the Queen Anne style of architecture. Although it does not represent the work of a master, the house displays high artistic merit (Criterion C). There is no evidence that the property is likely to yield information important in history or prehistory (Criterion D). Thus, the property is not National Register-eligible.

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Eligibility recommended ☒ Not Recommended ☐

Comments:

Review, OPS:  Date: 11/3/99

Reviewer, NR Program: _____ Date: _____

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HISTORIC CONTEXT:

Geographic Organization: Western Shore

Chronological/Development Period (s):

Industrial/Urban Dominance (1870-1930)
Modern Period (1930-present)

Prehistoric/Historic Period Theme (s):

Architecture, Landscape, and
Community Planning
Agriculture
Economic

RESOURCE TYPE(S)

Category: Building

Historic Environment: Rural

Historic Function (s): DOMESTIC/Single Dwelling

Known Design Source: Unknown

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Chain of Title:

PARCELS 1, 2, and 3

September 2, 1879 George C. Davis and Ella Davis to Belle
 (Isabelle) Brawner
 Land Records of Charles County
 Liber BGS 4 Folio 279

PARCELS 1 and 2

1896 Isabelle Buddecke nee Brawner to George D.
 Buddecke, heir

May 11, 1896: George D. Buddecke to Rosalie Brawner
 Land Records of Charles County
 Liber JST 8 Folio 278

December 11, 1902: J. Percy Brawner to Francis Plowden Jenkins
 Land Records of Charles County
 Liber RGS 13 Folio 501

December 13, 1902: George D. Buddecke, and Rosalie M. and George
 Bourne to Francis Plowden Jenkins
 Land Records of Charles County
 Liber RGS 13 Folio 498

Parcel 1

May 16, 1906: Francis Plowden Jenkins to Jennie Simms
 Jenkins, Rose Margaret Jenkins, Mary Celestia
 Jenkins, Francis Plowden Jenkins and Vera
 Katherine Jenkins, heirs
 Will Records of Charles County
 Liber CHP 19 Folio 276

August 30, 1945: Jennie Simms Jenkins, Rose Margaret Jenkins,
 Mary Celestia Jenkins, Francis Plowden
 Jenkins, and George Brooke and Vera Katherine
 Jenkins, heirs to Melvin H. and Ruby W.
 Seifert
 Land Records of Charles County
 Liber 82 Folio 123

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Parcel 2

December 11, 1902: J. Percy Brawner to Francis Plowden Jenkins
Lands Records of Charles County
Liber RGS 13 Folio 501

May 16, 1906: Francis Plowden Jenkins to Melvin H. and Ruby
W. Seifert, heirs
Will Records of Charles County
Liber CHP 19 Folio 276

Parcel 3

December 13, 1902: George D. Buddecke, and Rosalie M. and George
Bourne to Francis Plowden Jenkins
Land Records of Charles County
Liber BGS 13 Folio 498

May 16, 1906: Francis Plowden Jenkins to Melvin H. and Ruby
W. Seifert, heirs
Will Records of Charles County
Liber CHP 19 Folio 276

Parcels 1, 2, and 3

August 1, 1947: Melvin H. and Ruby W. Seifert to Raymond and
Miriam Parran Marsh
Land Records of Charles County
Liber 85 Folio 409

July 14, 1961: Raymond and Miriam Parran Marsh to James C.
Mitchell
Land Records of Charles County
Liber 154 Folio 136

July 14, 1961: James C. Mitchell to Raymond Marsh
Land Records of Charles County
Liber 154 Folio 139

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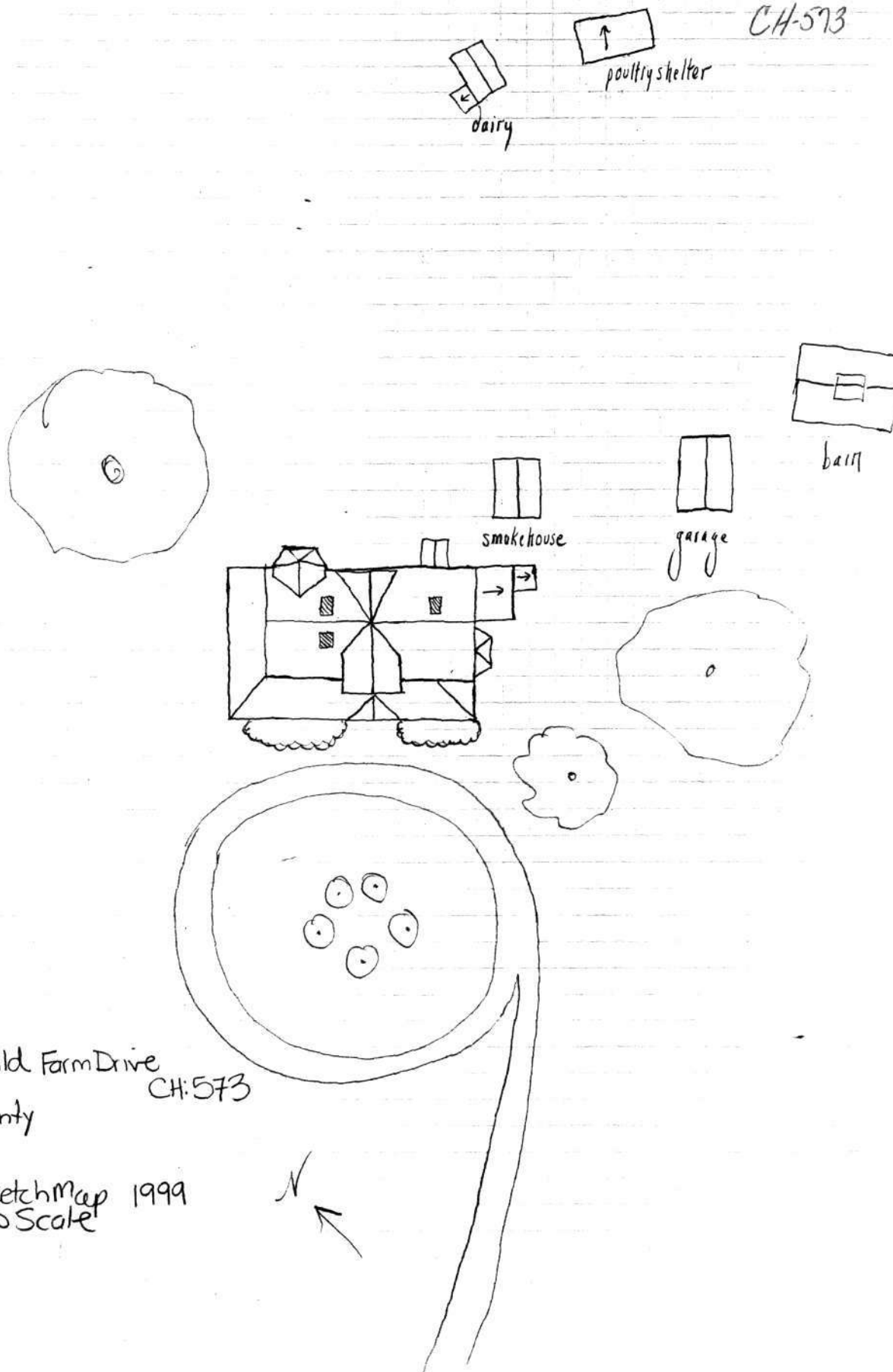
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August 31, 1971: Raymond Marsh, Jr., personal representative of
the estate of Raymond Marsh, to Elizabeth W.
and Raymond Marsh, Jr.
Land Records of Charles County
Liber 242 Folio 381

July 26, 1974: Elizabeth W. and Raymond Marsh, Jr. to Alan B.
and Mary K. Hale
Land Records of Charles County
Liber 349 Folio 94

December 19, 1978: Alan B. and Mary K. Hale to Leland R. and Joan
V. Jones
Land Records of Charles County
Liber 624 Folio 57

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Resource Sketch map 1999
Not Drawn to Scale

HAWTHORN COUNTRY CLUB

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HAWTHORNE
COUNTRY CL
161/282
29.69 A.
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PAR.1

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MURRAY
D. LEVY
483/24
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JAMES
E. FENNELL
631/167
8.88A.
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GEORGE L. GARNER
633/253 1132/359
9.52A.
P.177

M.33
P.446

P.179

SHIRLEY L. CLARK
1090/550
10.00 A.
P.342

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N 64A

VALLEY VIEW SEC.2
PLAT 1

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LELAND R. JONES
624/57
21.45A.
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PAR.1

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HILLENDALE

OUTLOT B
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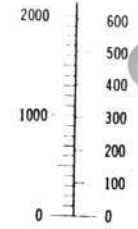
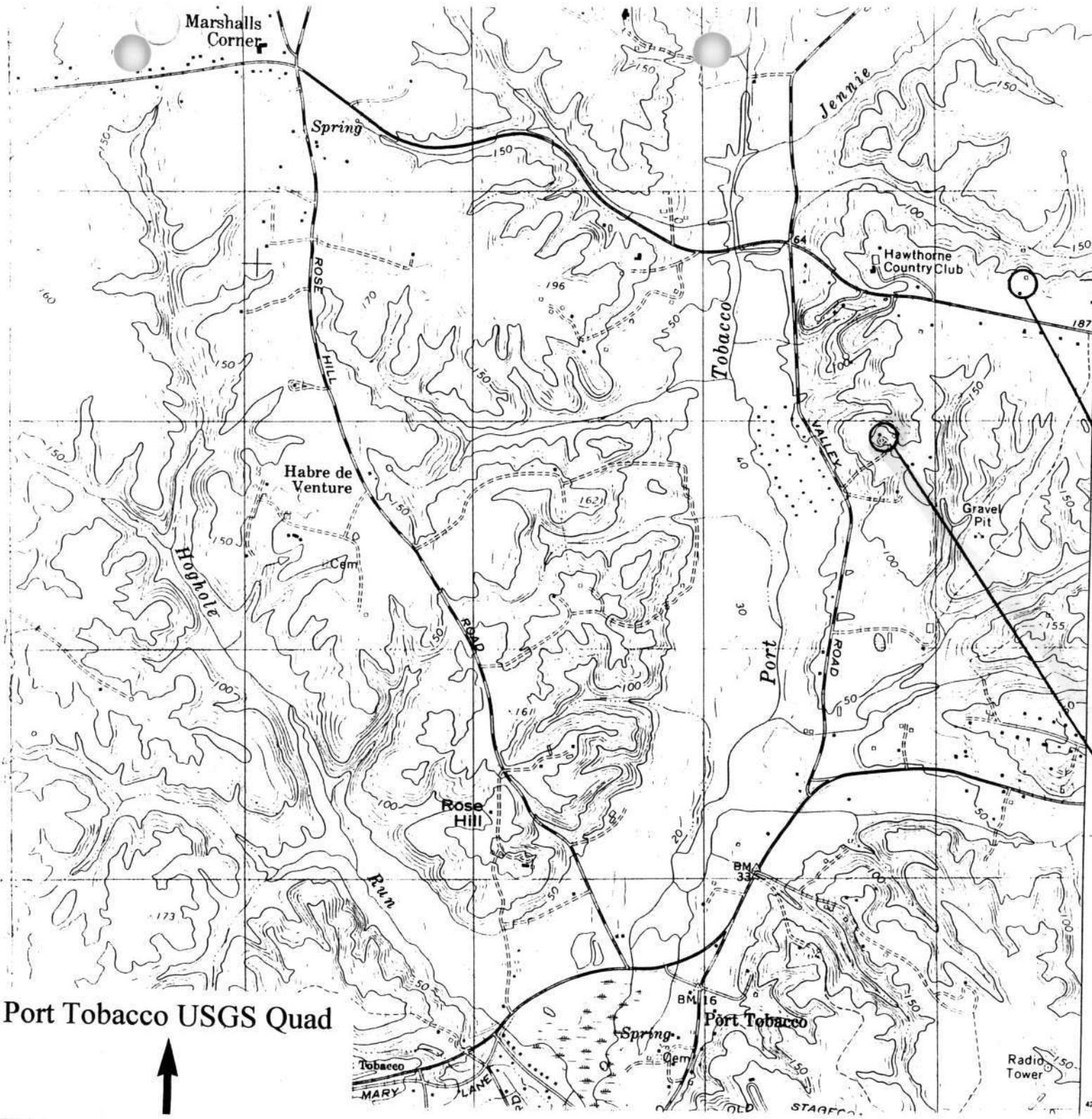
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MORGAN'S RIDGE

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PLAT 3

MOORE RD

Port Tobacco USGS Quad



Feet	Meters
1	3048
2	6096
3	9144
4	12192
5	15240
6	18288
7	21336
8	24384
9	27432
10	30480

To convert feet to meters
multiply by .3048

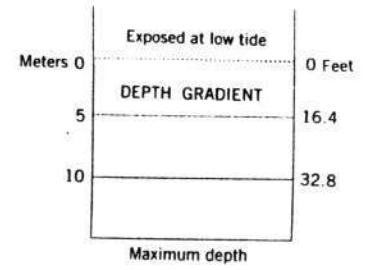
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multiply by 3.2808

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32'30"

8910 HAWTHORNE DRIVE
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HOUSE, IDLEWILDEFARM DRIVE
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MD SHPD

South corner

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MD SHPO

southeast elevation

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northeast elevation

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northwest elevation

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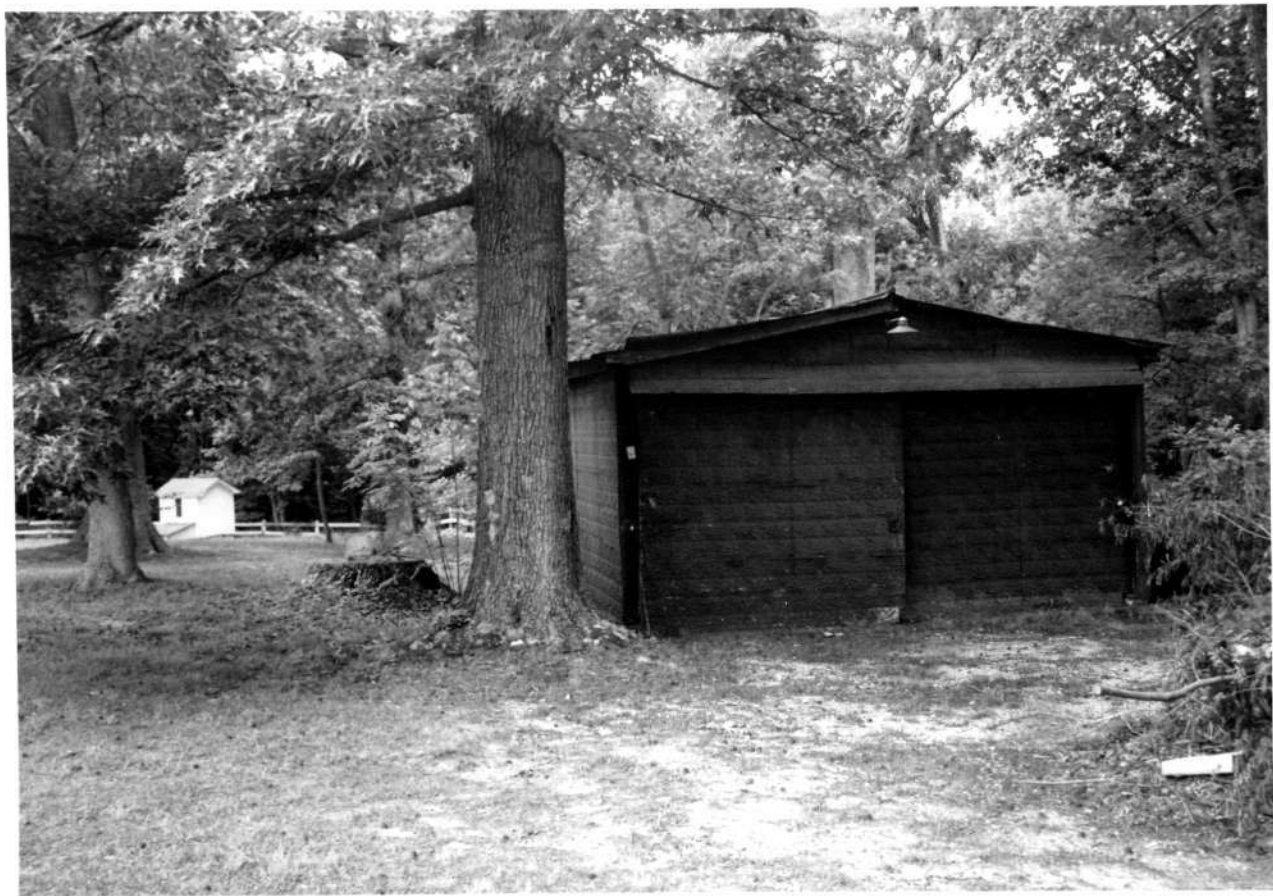
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barn

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dairy and poultry shelter

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